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Subject: HB259 for Non-partisan campaigns for Boards of Education

Dear Senator Gaffey, Representative Fleischmann, and Members of the Education Committee:

We were thrilled to learn from the Guilford PTA that Senator Ed Meyer crafted and introduced legislation that allows towns to run non-partisan campaigns for Boards of Education. A 1981 survey by the Westport League of Women Voters concluded that Connecticut is the only state in the Northeast that mandates partisan Board of Education. It is long past time this changed! We commend the Connecticut PTA for adopting this initiative as part of its priorities this year. Opening the elections system for Board of Education will allow candidates that really want to be involved an opportunity to do so without the political process.

Thank you for taking this very seriously. HB259 can make a world of difference in those towns that choose to make a change to their elections processes. We support it, and hope you will take the necessary action to turn SB259 into law.

Sincerely,

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